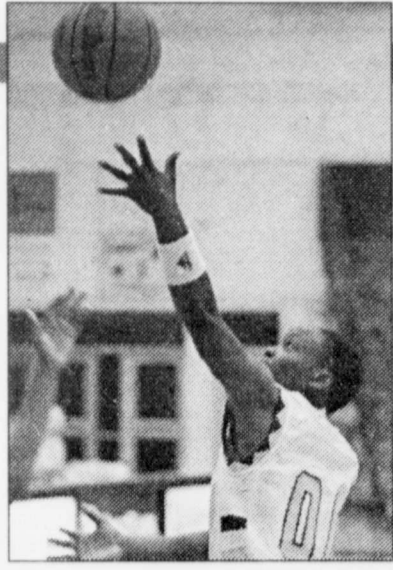


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Students' English report reveals pollutants

By Megan Shearn
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Duke Energy's expansion of the Morro Bay Power Plant has two engineering students questioning the number of pollutants that will be emitted by the new smoke stacks.

In a report written for their English 218 class, seniors Andrea Resch and Karla Spencer found that the plant will produce more pollutants because of Duke's plan to increase its daily operation. However, Duke and the Morro Bay city council have challenged the students' findings.

Resch and Spencer came up with the idea from a paper written the previous quarter on the plant's expansion proposal, Resch said. The paper's objective was to compare smoke-stack emissions before and after renovation.

They found that the new plant is more efficient in terms of emissions per megawatt hour. However, Resch said in terms of tons per year, most pollutants go up.

"The pollutants (other than one called NOx) go up because the plant

"People don't think the numbers are right because I'm a student. They question where I got them. Ethically, I wouldn't have put anything in that I didn't believe."

Andrea Resch
engineering senior

is making more energy so it is running longer and burning more fuel," Resch said.

Resch and Spencer split the responsibilities of the project.

"I wrote the proposal and Karla explained the mechanical aspects," Resch said.

The students went through Duke's Authorization for Certification (AFC) book, which is the proposal for its project. Resch and Spencer scoured through the air pollution chapter.

The five pollutants Resch looked at may cause the following health concerns: breathing ailments, cancer, and heart and lung disease. In addition, the pollutants may contribute to acid rain, deplete the ozone and create smog.

Resch said that more research is needed to determine the specific

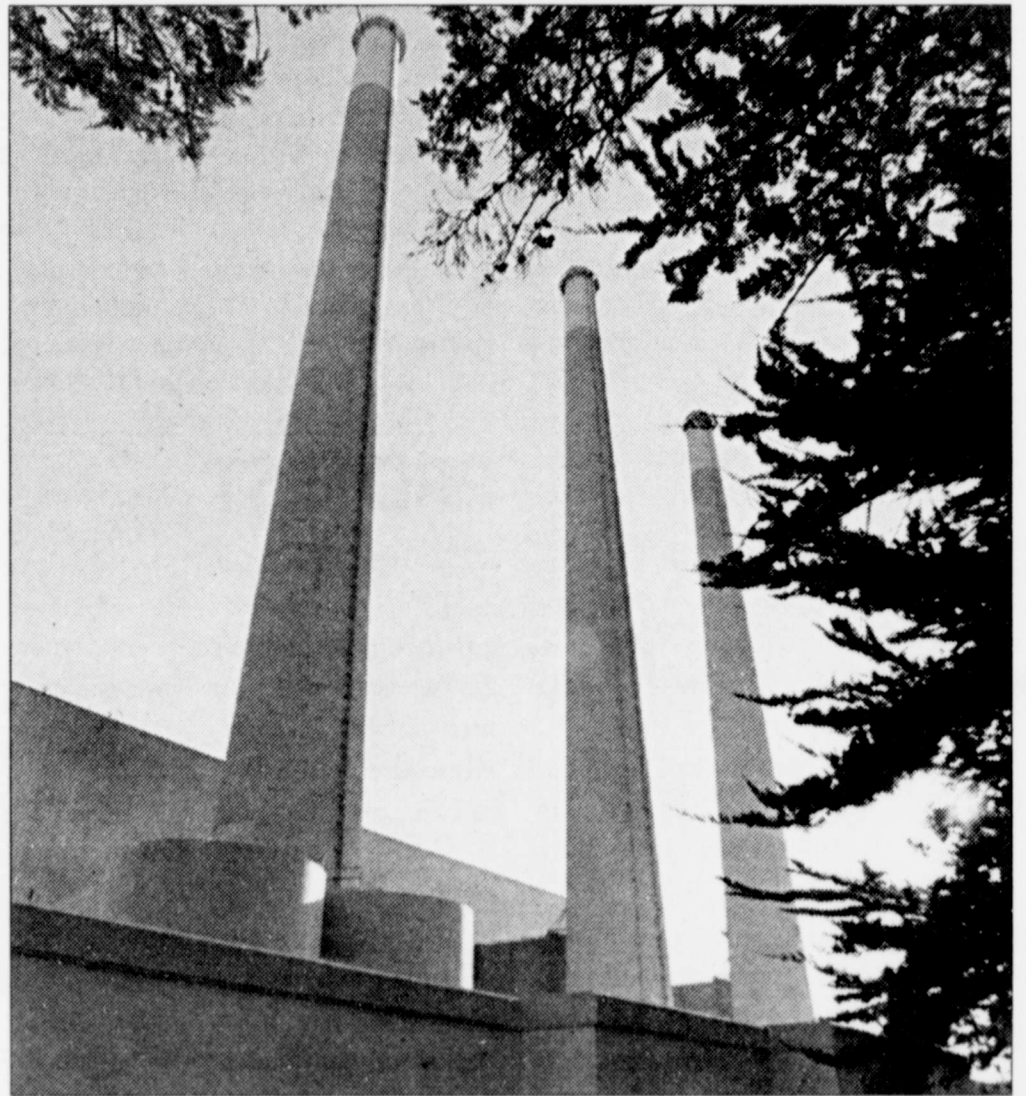
health risks for Morro Bay residents. Duke plant manager Steve Goschke said the emissions should cause no significant impact on health.

To find the emissions for 1998, Resch looked through Emission Inventory Air Pollution Control Document. She then compared these numbers to the projected emissions for 2003.

Resch is perturbed by the questioning of her numbers by Duke and the city council. "People don't think the numbers are right because I'm a student. They question where I got them," Resch said. "Ethically, I wouldn't have put anything in that I didn't believe."

Gary Willey of the Air Pollution Control District worked with Resch on the numbers. He said, "They

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In a report written for their English 218 class, engineering seniors Andrea Resch and Karla Spencer found that the Morro Bay Power Plant would produce more pollutants if it expanded.

Protesters take bite out of fast food

By Kerri Holden
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORTER

Carl's Jr. is all over the place, but some community members don't want it in their face.

While most Cal Poly students are indifferent to the restaurant's newest location downtown, the opening this week has caused a considerable amount of contention among city residents.

"If they let one in, then they will let them all," Cuesta College student Kyle Roth said at Thursday night's small protest in front of the restaurant chain, located at Higuera and Broad streets. "With all these small businesses, Carls Jr. is just going to take business away from them."

Roth distributed flyers last week urging, "Don't Eat at Carl's Jr. Don't let Corporate America suck the life out of our local treasures!"

Another resident does not want San Luis Obispo to eventually take the shape of his former town and disapproves of the latest of the now four restaurants in San Luis Obispo.

"I grew up in Pittsburgh where

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The new downtown Carl's Jr. restaurant on Higuera and Broad streets has caused some controversy among San Luis Obispo residents who expressed their feelings at a small protest Thursday evening in front of the restaurant.

Candidate rallies for student vote

By Karin Driesen
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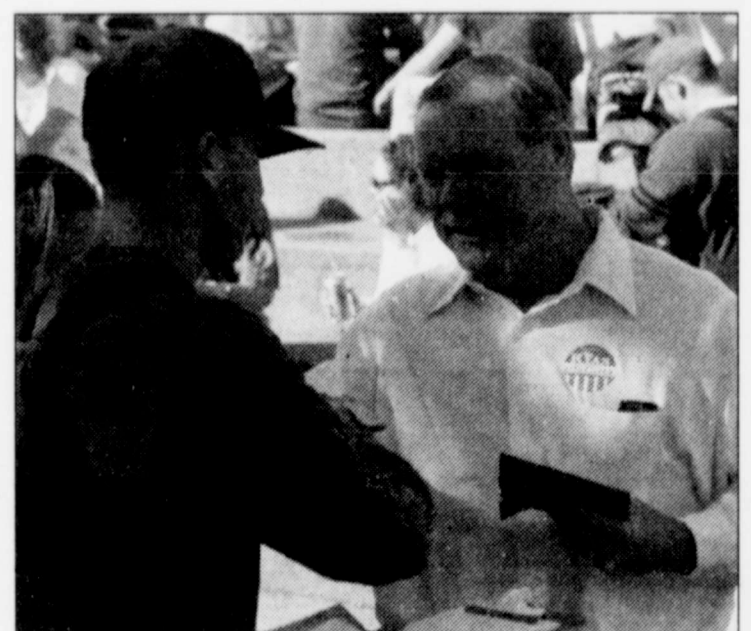
The Cal Poly College Republicans sponsored a free barbecue in the University Union Plaza Thursday. The barbecue aimed to register student voters in San Luis Obispo and endorsed Mike Ryan for supervisor.

"The barbecue (was) free for everyone," said Tamas Simon, president of the Republican Club. "Our main goal is to register students to vote, but also to have them join the club and meet Mike Ryan."

The club held the barbecue during UU Hour while students relaxed in the sunshine and listened to music. In addition to serving food, the club handed out pamphlets about Ryan and other candidates, registered voters and signed up new club members.

Ryan, who was present for most of the hour, met with

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Supervisor candidate Mike Ryan chats with students at a College Republicans barbecue Thursday in the University Union.

Graffiti sticks it to Poly

By Adam Jarman

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Campus lampposts and parking meters are just two victims in a wave of graffiti that has Cal Poly police looking for culprits.

Graffiti is sporadic on campus but doesn't go unnoticed by police, said officer Richard Lara.

The latest rash of graffiti happened before winter break, said Lara, who is investigating the case. He said he and other officers want to send the message that vandalism on campus will not be tolerated.

Police are most interested in campus tagging, which includes stickers and stamps as well as more traditional paint-type methods, Lara said. Stickers and stamps have become popular, he added, because they are easily adhered.

"We want to take a strong stand because we have such a nice campus and want to keep it that way," Lara said.

Lara said a few commonly seen tags on campus may be gang-affiliated. Cal Poly police is working with the County Gang Task Force to determine such affiliations. He believes many of the tags seen on campus are not done by students.

Police hope to complete their current investigation within a month. Then, Lara said, he will work with Judicial Affairs and the County courts to determine what can legally be done to non-students. Restraining orders are likely to be filed against off-campus taggers, he said.

Students convicted of tagging may be heavily fined, sentenced to community service and face a review by Judicial Affairs, Lara said. The hous-

ing department may also reprimand resident students, he added.

John Heitzenrater, a painter for Cal Poly, said the most common places to find graffiti are the high-traffic areas on and around inner Perimeter Road. Lara added that light posts and parking meters are also common targets.

"I haven't seen much around here," landscape architecture senior Katie Hall said. Lara said he hasn't always been aware of tagging on campus either. "When you start looking, you end up finding a lot more," he added.

Heitzenrater, who is primarily responsible for cleaning and repainting damaged surfaces, said he tries to clean tagging as soon as he sees it. "I am spending a lot of time cleaning up," he said.

Heitzenrater said he would rather



Cal Poly Police Officer Richard Lara said campus tagging has become prevalent since winter break. Tagging includes stickers posted on lampposts and parking meters.

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spend time painting classrooms, restrooms and the buildings that need it.

"I could be out doing the work I was hired to do instead of cleaning up (taggers') messes," he said.

Police said they are willing to take one case at a time and use every method to solve them.

"They are going to run out of paint before we run out of cleaner," Lara said.

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students while members of his campaign team shot footage for a commercial.

"A lot of the student housing in and around Cal Poly is in my district, so by coming here, I get to meet some of the voters," Ryan said.

A former Cal Poly student himself, the District 5 supervisor is running against David Blakely for his second term on the County Board of Supervisors. His district contains part of North County up to Atascadero, Creston, Santa Margarita, part of downtown San Luis Obispo and Cal Poly.

Some of the issues Ryan is concerned with are low-cost housing, safety, employment and city growth.

"We need to meet the needs of people who live here and the people who want to move here, such as students," Ryan said.

Ryan said he has worked with the College Republicans in the past, and will probably do more events with the club in the future.

"They're a real good group to work with," he said. "Although the position I'm running for is a non-partisan position, I'm a registered Republican, so I decided to come out and join them today."

Although the event was sponsored by the club, there were many student-Democrats present.

Graphic communications senior Ismail Abdullah had been registered in his hometown, but registered locally on Thursday as a Democrat. He thought the event was a good way to register students who might not take the time to do it on their own.

"To tell you the truth, I wouldn't have gone out of my way (without the event)," Abdullah said.

Philosophy freshman Travis Avila registered as a Republican and said he probably would have registered eventually if Ryan's barbecue had not happened.

"I just never really thought about it, and I saw this today and thought I should do it," Avila said.

Approximately 20 Republican club members volunteered with the barbecue, which fed more than 400 people. Members asked people to register and told them about the candidates.

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fast-food places were on every corner. Do we really want our town growing into that?" Todd Adams, an Atascadero resident who is employed in San Luis Obispo, said.

Although not expressed quite as emphatically, many Cal Poly students had feelings similar to the protesters.

"It reminds me of urban sprawl but on a fast food level," biochemistry senior Tom Zarella said. "When it gets to the point where they're so close I can basically walk from one to another, that's bad."

Other students weren't worried so much about the number, as about its structure blending into the quaint look of downtown SLO.

"When you see the Carl's Jr., it stands out from the rest of the buildings," grad student Alexandra Campbell said. "The look of it takes away from our small-town atmosphere."

A majority, however, said that it's

just a matter of business and the more the merrier.

"This place needs as many fast-food places as possible because it supports a ton of college students," business junior Amir Sheikhi said.

History senior Jillyayne Lewis agreed but felt it was needed for a different purpose.

"I think it's really good that it's downtown," said Lewis. "It's safer than having drunk students walk all the way to Taco Bell (on Santa Rosa and Olive streets)."

The differing opinions on the merits of fast food, however, last only until Cal Poly's doorstep, where it seems most students support franchises on campus.

Political science junior and Associated Students, Inc. Vice President Aron DeFerrari said he thinks franchises on campus are a great idea.

"I think it's time to get over the fear that Foundation will go out of business if franchises are on campus," he said.

According to Sheikhi, franchises would appeal more to students

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Tom Zarella
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because they tend to offer more selections, cheaper prices and a recognizable name.

"Students don't know what to expect with Topanga's, but they see a Taco Bell and they know exactly what a Gordita is," Sheikhi said.

Topanga's was originally going to be a Taco Bell in fall 1993, said Alan Cushman, associate director of Campus Dining. "We were working on the design and everything." But the deal fell through because Taco Bell corporate didn't want one on campus, he said.

There are pros and cons to having more fast food franchises on campus.

Amaral said, "Certainly a pro is variety but some cons are how do you decide what is most popular, and there are many constraints of having

another franchise on campus."

One constraint being the issue of space. Franchises have minimum standards for space and there are limits on what can be done, Amaral said. Space constraint is the primary reason Panda Express and Wendy's can't open for business at Cal Poly.

"What we have a problem with is square footage. They needed 800 square feet and we only have 150 square feet," Cushman said. "We're in ongoing contact with these franchises to see how and where we can incorporate them on campus."

If students are interested in bringing more food variety to campus, Amaral suggests getting involved with the Food Advisory Committee.

— Megan Shearn and Melissa McFarland contributed to this report.

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don't appear to be far off from my projections that I would have anticipated myself."

However, Willey added that he

hadn't had the chance to look entirely through the report.

Melody DeMeritt, the students' professor, said, "These are seniors, straight-A students. (Duke and the Morro Bay city council) won't believe them now, but they'll believe them when Andrea becomes

an engineer in June," DeMeritt said.

"This has been the weirdest experience that I've ever had," Resch said.

The point was to make an unbiased report for the citizens of Morro Bay.

"We just tried to come out with

the facts," Resch said.

Goschke said he was impressed with the students' work.

"They took the time to understand the issue," he said.

However, Goschke said he had not read the report in detail and would not comment further on it.

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Vacation continues to dare new challenges

Editor's note: This is the second part in a series about Jason Schaller's winter trek into the Utah wilderness.

After climbing in Arches National Park at the Furnace, it was millennium time. We ended up at a hot spring a cow pasture in the middle of nowhere.

At midnight, we passed around the water bottle as some local hippies toked "the millennium bowl." Then a special surprise: a fireworks show from some podunk town on the horizon.

Since the world didn't end, we continued to another canyon farther out in the middle of nowhere. Besides dodging bird bombs the whole time, it was a beautiful canyon. That is, until we tried to exit.

The "scramble" noted in our guidebook turned out to be a 200-foot-tall vertical crack. Although I don't mind crack climbing, I kind of like to be tied to something when I do it. But there were no anchors this time.

Luckily, I was with a group of monkeys. Steve and Will made their way up free-climbing, then held the rope at the top, catching one of my falls and dragging my sorry butt up after I couldn't make the final move. My heroes.

We thought the fun was over, but we had yet to encounter the infamous "sheep bridge." This marvel of modern engineering consisted of a couple rotten 2 x 12's covering two even more rotten poles, barely long enough to span the canyon. And it was a long way down if that sucker decided to let go. Needless to say, I was on my hands and knees, making good friends with the son of a gun.

Despite nearly dying of a heart attack when the thing started creaking, we lived to continue doing crazy things.

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Jason Schaller

Springs offer relaxing alternative to books

By Kathryn Tschumper
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

A search for oil discovered two of the Central Coast's mineral springs hidden in the hill-sides off Highway 101. Hot pools of mineral water spring from the ground at both Sycamore Mineral Springs and Franklin Lakes to provide students with a place to relax and unwind.

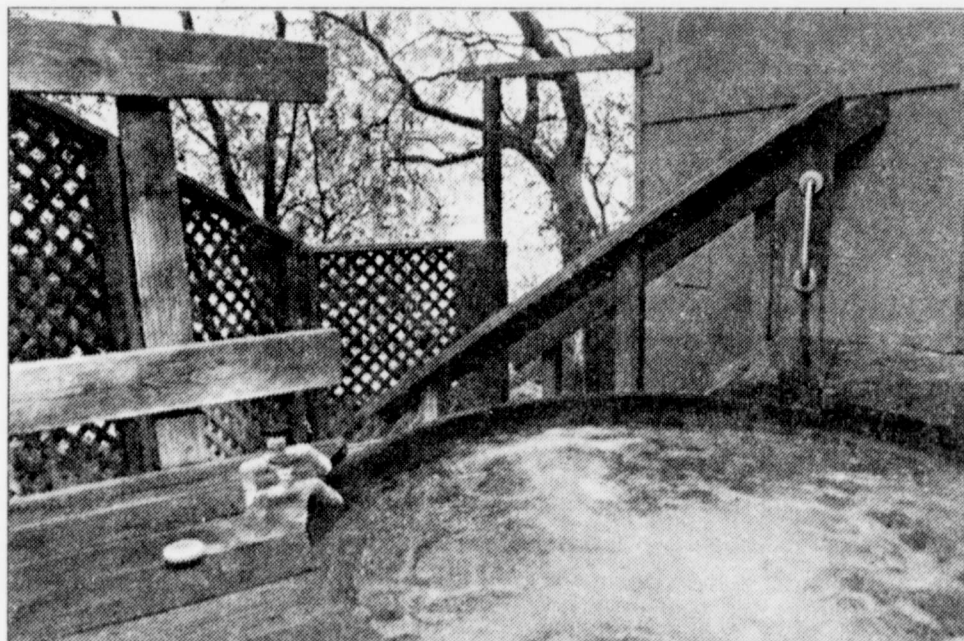
Cal Poly mechanical engineering junior Ryan Brockett has taken his Week of Welcome group to Sycamore for the past two years.

"I like to take a group there because it's a good place to relax during the week and have the group bond with each other," he said.

Brockett, who first went to Sycamore three years ago when he was a WOWie, said he goes late at night to relax after a day full of events.

"We've gone to the Oasis pool, which is like the big hot tub pool with a waterfall," Brockett said. "You are able to fit two groups and everyone just crams."

The Oasis pool is one of 20 hot tubs, which guests can rent by the hour, nestled in the wooded hillside off Avila Beach Drive. Meg Porter, supervisor at Sycamore Springs, said the



Sycamore Mineral Springs are a popular choice among county residents. Its inexpensive cost coupled with a relaxing and scenic get away attracts many.

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resort is appealing to students because it is open 24 hours. "If you are up until 2 a.m. studying you can come and relax," Porter said. "It is a romantic and peaceful setting."

Sycamore Mineral Springs offers a happy hour special of \$8 per hour from 4 to 6 p.m. weekdays. Regular rates are \$10 per hour Monday through Thursday and weekends are \$12.50 per hour.

Off a dirt road in Creston, 30 minutes north of San Luis Obispo, is another mineral spring owned by former Cal Poly student Wesley Franklin.

Franklin, who studied aeronautics at Cal Poly in 1931, has owned the land where Franklin Lakes and Hot Springs is located since 1950. He said the min-

eral water was discovered in 1954 when drilling for oil.

"They drilled for oil, and they hit water at 700 feet," Franklin said. "When they went down to 2,000 feet and didn't get oil, they went back up to 1,200 feet and spot-welded off all the holes. I came back six hours later and there was water squirting out this way and that way."

For the past 50 years, Franklin Lakes has provided guests with a chance to splash around in pools of 98-degree water. Nutrition freshman Nicole Robbins said Franklin Lakes is not luxurious, but it is still fun.

"If you are going for luxury you should go to the other hot tubs in Avila," Robbins said.

"It's just a giant pool with a diving board and inner tubes. You don't feel bad for splashing around and making a mess, and you don't have to be quiet since it's in the middle of nowhere."

Franklin Lakes, open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., is nearly a mile down Creston Road, just outside of Paso Robles. A white sign marks the turnoff for the dirt road leading to the lakes, where guests are on the honor system to pay the \$2 entrance fee.

"I loved it," Robbins said. "It is so much fun. There are no lights there so you can see the stars. There is this little patio-type gazebo set up on the side of it with a bench where you can leave your towel."

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Hanging on for dear life is common to almost all participants at Chumash Challenge, an ASI-sponsored ropes course on campus at Cal Poly.

Skateboarders are hazardous to campus

It's 8:00 a.m. and Johnny is on his way to class, immersed in his typical morning fog. Clutching his coffee mug, he walks across campus remembering the warmth of his bed. He doesn't notice anything, especially not the small figure approaching rapidly down Perimeter Road. In fact, it isn't until he's knocked over, coffee spilled on his new shirt, that he realizes what has happened. A skateboarder has plowed right into him.

It may seem like Johnny was at fault. It's early and he wasn't paying attention. But Johnny shouldn't have to worry about skateboarders flying out of nowhere because they are not allowed on campus. This scenario, although contrived, happens entirely too often and only proves that the new Skateboard Damage Reduction Plan, implemented by the Cal Poly Police, is a step in the right direction.

I have nothing against skateboarding in general. I just don't think that Cal Poly students should be sacrificed for speed-maniacs. Safety Services reports at least three skateboarding accidents a year, accidents that have caused fractured elbows and ankles. In two cases, students received severe head injuries. Sadly, most skateboarders get away with it and most collisions go unreported. Guilty skateboarders who put themselves and others at risk deserve to get a ticket and pay the fine.

Speaking of fines, it's not even that big. A mere \$20 for the first citation. Better to learn the rules of the road now than while driving a car when the price for a ticket will quadruple. It's a lesson in responsibility, really. I don't know about you, but from a young age, it's been drilled into my head that you have to be held accountable for your actions. Hitting a fellow playmate in kindergarten warranted a time-out and fighting in high school was a sure ticket to detention. Why is this any different?

But skateboarders are human too, and they deserve a second chance, right?

Well, they had one. Ten years ago, President Baker compromised with students and allowed skateboards to be used only on the outside perimeter roads. This lasted for a few years until the number of skateboarding accidents grew again, and high school students were using Cal Poly as a skate park. Skateboarders had proved that they could not be responsible.

Cal Poly is liable for all damages that skateboarders inflict. According to the Cal Poly Safety Service, three years ago a girl sued the university for damages received from a skateboarding accident. The university is not insured, which means the money comes directly out of Cal Poly and indirectly affects the fees students pay.

There's also the issue of respecting campus property. Cal Poly has to spend approximately \$10,000 a year repairing the damage skateboarders cause on campus — broken benches, chipped paint and skid marks. The university is left with a pile of bills and injured students. Ticketing skateboarders is a way to get back a fraction of the cost they cause in damages.

Skateboarders often think they get discriminated against. Yet in-line skates are not allowed on campus, and Safety Services is ticketing irresponsible bikers as well. It's still possible to use skateboarding as a means of transportation, just pick it up when you get to school.

Forcing skateboarders to pay for their recklessness is the only logical way to take care of a dangerous problem.

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Skating deserves respect as a sport

The swift rumble increases with every sweeping step. Suddenly, the wheels snap off the ground and the flight begins. As the skater soars in mid-jump, wind whistling through the air, he nails a perfect landing. Soon, sounds of tiny wheels going round and round resonate throughout the vacant schoolyard.

"Did you catch that move, man?" the unsuspecting skater asks his friends.

"I did," says the officer, as he continues to write the citation.

And so the story goes. Cal Poly Police have recently decided to enforce the university's "no skateboarding" rules which would allow university police to fine skaters. However, these citations will not prevent skaters from grinding on Mustang territory because, for skaters, riding is a sport.

How can police expect to cite skaters for practicing their sport of choice? Does a baseball player get ticketed for every hardball he smacks out of the public park? Do you cite a basketball player nailing the 3-pointer in the local schoolyard? Would a soccer player be legally reprimanded for completing a header into the goal at a college field? No, of course not. People

fail to recognize or respect skateboarding as a sport.

I know some of you will argue, "But those athletes are conducting their sports in designated areas!" Sure they are, but skaters need to play in open areas with an edgy rawness that is hindered in a professional atmosphere. They need to have free reign.

Part of that rawness comes in battle scars from injuries, and it is these common accidents that weigh heavy on the shoulders of the law, as well as faculty members. What is not recognized is the fact that skaters wear their battle wounds proudly! The cut under a chin, the scar across an arm, the scab that covers a knee; these are the products of a good run! No skater takes to the streets without the realization that scrapes and bruises might easily follow.

Of course there is always the issue of city damage to various public benches, concrete, Poly PAC rails, etc. The best solution (as the public has discovered so far) is to build skateparks. Unfortunately, skaters lose a touch of freedom when complying with such man-made constructions.

Helmets and pads are usually

required to be worn at skateparks, which frankly hinders the creativity of street skating. A skater also has to deal with in-line skaters. It becomes more of an obstacle course rather than an open area of free-reign skating.

Free reign is the key here. Skaters are unlike other athletes in that there is a certain attitude behind them. It is rebellion, it is defiance, it is a freedom of expression. These aspects are just as important as the competitive edge that accompanies the football team on the field. There is no team in "I". Skateboarding is a one-man/woman thing. To enclose these people to a confined area would be like enclosing Robert Downey Jr. to a men's correctional facility.

If anyone cares to question the professionalism of the sport, consider the success of the ESPN X Games. These games are considered to be the Olympics of extreme sports. Skateboarding is one of the most profitable and popular events on the agenda. This year's event attracted over 200,000 people in San Francisco.

I quote Dandelion Bordow, co-owner of the 510 Skateboard Shop in Berkeley, whom I interviewed for a skateboarding story: "If city government thinks that building parks is going to keep kids off the streets, then they're sorely mistaken."

Not only will parks not confine skaters, but citations will not constrain die-hard, street-skating athletes. And so decks will keep scraping public rails, and wheels will continue to race down ramps.

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"Can I order a protest — super-size it."

El Corral has discrepancies in text prices, availability

A fundamental ingredient in a successful education, whether at Poly or any other university, is a textbook available on time and at a reasonable price. Sound OK? Here is the problem. El Corral did not have the texts in stock for three out of four of my classes until this week.

Commentary

Wednesday night at the ASI Board of Directors meeting, a certain member from the College of Agriculture asked, "Who on this board could not get all of their books for the quarter as of today (Jan. 12)?" I swear to you my friends, not one person around the table of about 30 people had their hand down. Does something strike you as not hitting the mark here?

Here is my own gripe. On Wednesday, a book for my foreign policy class finally came in. The listed price, PRINTED ON THE BOOK'S COVER, was \$7.95. El

Corral's friendly price? \$13.75. For this I scratched my head.

So in a Socratic fashion, I walked around to the back of El Corral and met a very nice lady, whose name I would rather not disclose because of the above-mentioned toe-stepping. She explained to me that El Corral couldn't get a publisher's discount from this particular publisher and subsequently couldn't pass the deal onto students.

By now I am scratching my head a little harder and saying, "OK, so they charged you guys only full retail, right?" To which she said, "no, this is a back issue so they charged us more."

I looked down at the book cover and it was dated December 1999. She said it was still a back issue and they had paid \$10 a piece for them. I asked when the books were ordered and she said early December.

By now the scratching of my head had morphed into minor Freddy slashes from my increased frustration and decreased patience.

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I said, "OK, doesn't make any sense, but no problem, can I see your invoice?" She told me to come back later in the day and she would try to find it.

Three hours later I came back and asked to see the invoice. She informed me that the publisher had not sent an invoice with the order.

Now I don't claim to be the sharpest tool in the shed, nor do I claim to have all the knowledge of big or smart business, but anyone and everyone knows that when a company sends a shipment to another company, an invoice of the order is sent! Frustrated and

embittered, I thanked the woman for her time and departed.

So what does this tell me? Either El Corral is simply one of the sloppiest run organizations in SLO County, with no accountability of its orders or any idea of a proper time frame for courseware distribution, or there is some well-masked greed alive and well in the gold-veined walls of Foundation. You tell me.

Eddie Drake is a political science junior.

Letters to the editor

Increase security to prevent vandalism

Editor,

Skateboards should not be allowed on campus, or at least not for grinding on benches, curbs and other landscaping elements. I have seen young boys around the inner court of the business building, using their

skateboards on the stair railings and causing damage.

Secondly, better security should be present around the Performing Arts Center and business buildings, especially during nighttime hours. They should even provide a full-time guard every night. Let's face it: There are just too many idiots out there! This really stinks!

I would also like to comment on the Daily's past article involving the vandalism that took place over the winter break. It was very disturbing to me.

I hope the paper will print a follow-up story on what (if anything) the administration plans to do to provide the necessary security for persons and property on our campus.

George Adrian is an architecture graduate from the class of 1971.

Analysis of "normal" male was absurd

Editor,

This rebuttal is in regards to Chris Campbell's totally absurd analysis of the "normal" male figure ("Heterosexual society is obstructive," Jan. 12).

A real man of normal sexuality is never "insecure" about anything. If he is a real man, he can deal with any issue that comes to hand without feeling insecure.

Secondly, there is no way in hell that gay men pay greater attention to issues of cleanliness, physical fitness or clothing selection. All of my friends are straight men and they are probably the most clean people that you will ever meet. I work out at least an hour and a half a day, and I don't know any gay men who wouldn't kill to have a body like mine. On the issue of style, no gay man can hold a candle to my best friend, who could be on the cover of GQ every month.

Regarding the topic of hostility that arises from the population of straight men, the only time that hostility arises is when gay men try to push their views on other people. By "straight bashing" heterosexual traits in straight men while at the same time asking for special rights, gays shouldn't be surprised when straight men become upset and defend themselves.

Following the remark that straight men are jealous of gay men because gays aren't "restricted by such silly expectations" that supposedly define what a straight man should act like, I would have to say that gays are the ones who are jealous. Gays are unable to act like normal men and feel an emptiness within themselves, as well as a lack of masculinity, and that is why they

continually bring up and berate the issue of how society believes males should act.

With the point that gay men are more sensitive than straight men, the author isn't being very "sensitive" to the feelings of straight men. Yes, straight men have feelings. Gays seem to love to harass straight men for not being emotional enough. Just because straight men don't cry when they watch movies like "Beaches" doesn't mean that straight men don't have feelings. I don't know a man alive who didn't cry the first time he saw the movie "Old Yeller." Besides, if you ask any straight female if she would rather have a masculine man or some blubbery crybaby who sheds tears when he has a bad hair day, the woman will almost always pick the "masculine" man.

Enrique Alvarez is a bioresources and agricultural engineering sophomore.

Keep life views realistic during MLK holiday

Editor,

Since the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday is coming up, and we commemorate the great strides taken in civil rights and human rights, it is good to remember that the world is still plagued with intolerance and injustice. We need to fight these things, and in general enrich our own lives, by practicing and teaching the love ethic, which is "understanding, creative, redemptive good will" toward all human beings.

Dean Wilber is an electrical engineering senior.

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Destinations & Diversions



The Parable in SLO is a story of success

The Parable, previously Jan's Bible Bookstore, is owned by Steve and Laurie Potratz. Steve and Laurie purchased the store in 1981 when they moved to San Luis Obispo from Los Angeles. Prior to opening The Parable, Steve was the vice-president of a major Christian music company. Steve had previous experience working in a Christian Bookstore and with Laurie as his book buyer, they opened what would become the flagship store of the Parable Association.

In the beginning, Steve produced a catalog, which featured items that could be found in his store. At a convention he mentioned his catalog to another Christian bookseller. The two decided to split the cost of the catalog's printing and sell similar items and equal prices. Before he



The Parable, located at 883 Marsh Street in downtown San Luis Obispo, sells Christian books, music, gifts and other items.

knew it, Steve was on his way to creating the Parable Association. The Parable Association is a coal-

ition of Christian bookstores, similar to a chain. Currently, the association encompasses 350 stores

and is the third largest bookstore in the world. The Parable is also listed on e-commerce at www.parable.com.

The Parable in San Luis Obispo is located downtown at 883 Marsh Street. The Parable carries every genre of Christian music from country to rap, and top 40 to instrumental. Popular items that can be found at the store are gift items by the famous painters Thomas Kincaid and Ron DiCianni. The Parable also carries Veggie Tales, a collection of high-quality animated videos for children. Boasting the entire collection for sale, The Parable also sells Veggie Tales accessories.

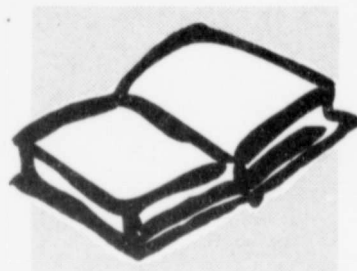
Steve Potratz Jr. manages the store. He sees a trend in books which deal with youth violence, prophecy books, such as "Millennium Meltdown," and dat-

ing books.

"It's fun to help people," Steve said. "We really believe in our product[s]." One day a customer came in whose daughter had just passed away, leaving her with a 4-year-old granddaughter to care for. Employees were able to locate a book that could help the woman raise her granddaughter. Another time, an older gentleman was brought to the Parable by his 64-year-old son, searching for a giant print bible. The Parable found a bible with large print. "It was the first time he had read the Bible in ten years. He cried," said Steve Jr.

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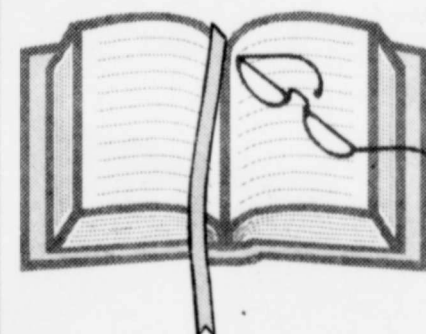
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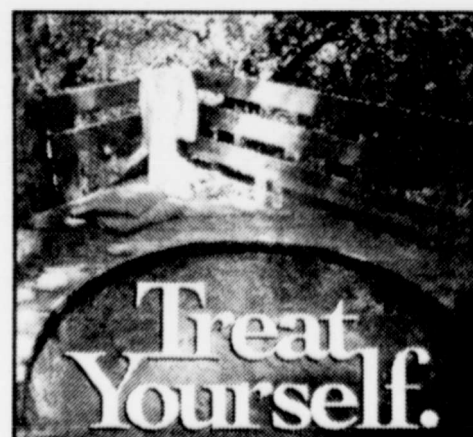
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L.A. hostile to U.S. soccer

CLAREMONT (AP) — When the U.S. soccer team plays in the Los Angeles area, players usually hear jeers, not cheers.

For Sunday's exhibition game against Iran at the Rose Bowl, the predominant flag is expected to be green, white and red — not red, white and blue.

"Welcome to Southern California," U.S. coach Bruce Arena said, shaking his head and smiling.

The Americans seem like the visitors when they play Mexico and other Latin teams, although they were cheered during their 1994 World Cup upset of Colombia at the Rose Bowl.

There are as many as 600,000 Iranian-Americans living in and around Los Angeles, and for many of them, Sunday's game will be their first chance to see Iran's national team, which this month is playing its first three games in the United States.

"I have many relatives flying in from San Francisco, Texas, New Mexico and Washington, D.C.," said Ali Ghalambor, a native of Iran who came to the United States in 1984. "We are very excited about it. I went to games in Iran and have watched the team on TV, but this is my first chance see them

in many years."

Ghalambor is taking his 7-year-old son, Moji.

"I'm sure it will be something for him to remember," Ghalambor said.

U.S. midfielder Claudio Reyna said he and his teammates are accustomed to fan opposition.

"I've been around it so many times, so I'm used to it, and I think everybody knows it's going to be like that again," Reyna said. "In California, where you have so many ethnic people from different countries, when their national team comes to play, they'll travel for 10 hours for a game because it's their only chance to watch them play."

Goalkeeper Tony Meola, the starter at the 1990 and '94 World Cups, thinks the U.S. team still will have lots of support.

"We've been lucky with our fans the last five or six years, as far as pro-American crowds," he said. "It might be a pro-Iranian crowd. I'm sure any part of the Iranian population here would want to see their national team. I'm certain there's a lot of pride in the people that are from Iran and living in America."

A crowd of about 50,000 is expected at the Rose Bowl for a rematch of the 1998 World Cup

game, when Iran shocked the United States 2-1 at Lyon, France. The Americans then lost to Yugoslavia and finished last in the 32-nation field.

Not all those cheering for Iran will be doing it in that country's language, and some in the crowd are likely to have the flags of both nations painted on their cheeks.

"A lot of them will be American-born Iranians, like my kids," said Reza Ghalambor. "Most of them don't even speak Farsi."

Whether they're yelling in Farsi or English, Reyna thinks the crowd will be lively.

"It makes a great atmosphere. It's good for us, and it makes the game fun on the field when you have fans that are into it," he said. "And they are going to be into it."

Reyna hopes that spirit will rub off on American fans.

"It shows the passion that these fans have in other parts of the world and hopefully it makes people here realize how important soccer is in other countries," he said.

Arena wishes soccer moms and pops would pack their kids into minivans and head to Pasadena.

"California has one of the biggest youth soccer populations in the country, and we'd love to have some of their support," he said.

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ing St. Louis, which has won by an average 35-10 at home against mediocre to poor opposition — the best teams they faced at the Trans World Dome were Baltimore and Carolina, which both finished 8-8.

Dennis Green, the Vikings coach, says he thinks St. Louis is at a disadvantage because it was off while his team was beating the Cowboys 27-10 and dispatching Chan Gailey into the world of unemployed coaches.

"It's very dicey with the bye," says Green, who knows from last year's experience. "Do you practice a lot or not as much? Give them three days off or four days off? Will you lose momentum or gain momentum? Which team do you spend your energy preparing for, or do you just wait until the games are over?"

This should be a high-scoring game.

The Vikings, who have won nine of 11 after a 2-4 start, beat the Rams 38-31 in St. Louis last season, and the Rams now have Kurt Warner, the league MVP, at quarterback instead of Tony Banks. St. Louis has the better defense, although Robert Smith's running and the receiving tandem of Cris Carter and Randy Moss are like nothing the Rams have seen this season.

On the other hand, Marshall Faulk and a healthy Isaac Bruce could run wild against an improving but still shaky Minnesota defense.

A fun game.

Miami (10-7) at Jacksonville (14-2)

Like St. Louis, the Jaguars are a suspect top seed because they've beaten no team better than 8-8 and lost twice to Tennessee, the best team they've played.

"For a 14-2 season, it wasn't much fun," says Leon Searcy, Jacksonville's right tackle.

It could be less fun against a Miami defense that played back to its 7-1 start with six sacks in Seattle last weekend. That's particularly so because Jacksonville left tackle Tony Boselli, the game's best offensive

lineman, is on injured reserve with a knee injury. Quarterback Mark Brunell is hobbled, although he'll probably play.

"We understand we have to pick it up," says Ben Coleman, who has moved from guard to replace Boselli. "We can't have any hits on Mark. We've got to limit the pressure we know they're going to try to bring."

The Jaguars have a lot more offensive weapons than Seattle and a defense that allowed the fourth fewest yards in the league, albeit against that weak schedule. That will mean more pressure on Dan Marino, who once again could be playing his last NFL game.

Washington (11-6) at Tampa Bay (11-5)

The Redskins got one break this week when the NFL deferred to next season Tre' Johnson's one-game suspension for striking an official against the Lions last week. That's critical because left tackle Andy Heck is out with a hamstring injury, center Cory Raymer is expected to play hurt and Stephen Davis, the NFC's leading rusher, will play despite knee and ankle problems.

The Bucs have been expecting Davis to play all along.

"We'll still have our work cut out for us regardless of whether he's playing or not," says defensive tackle Warren Sapp, the heart of a defense that's probably the most feared in the NFL.

"But we expect to see him."

Adds the other defensive tackle, Brad Culpepper: "He was supposed to be banged up last week, then ran for more than 100 yards. We're assuming he'll be at the top of his game."

The Redskins will see Shaun King at quarterback, a rookie who was supposed to spend this season watching and learning. Instead, he replaced an injured Trent Dilfer and was 4-1 as a starter with seven touchdown passes, four interceptions and a respectable rating of 82.4.

BASKETBALL

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ful season last year.

The Mustangs will be without one of their top players for the remainder of the season. Rowles has been sidelined all season. Her replacement, Hodges, has been a nice surprise for the team and will be relied on heavily for points and rebounding.

The Mustangs finished the Big West Conference at 2-13 and in fifth place in the Big West's Western Division last year. Though five victories separated the team from those that made the tournament, Cal Poly is expected to compete and win some of the games they could not last year.

WRESTLING

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Fullerton. Fresno State will be tough," Rollins said. "If we do the things we are capable of, we should win them all."

No. 32 BYU recently returned from the prestigious Virginia Duals where it met No. 13 Lehigh and No. 23 Rider.

BYU, due to illnesses, was also without two of its starters as well as its coach, and was defeated in two tough matches, 22-10 and 27-12.

Webb says the matches were closer than the scores show.

"I think we could have won both those matches," Webb said. "You

look at the individual scores and there were some real opportunities; we just let them slip away from us."

So, with a wrestling program that is to be eliminated after this season and a coach in the hospital, the team still has a positive outlook going into this weekend.

"These kids have really come a long way," Webb said. "I've been coaching for many years, and they are some of the best kids I've had. They are great athletes and marvelous kids."

Among these great athletes is All-American Aaron Holker. As a freshman, Holker finished in seventh-place at the NCAAAs, and became BYU's first All-American since 1987.

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Wrestling faces coachless BYU

By James Randall
THE DAILY UNIVERSE
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PROVO, Utah — The Brigham Young University wrestling team will be missing a key element as it travels to California this weekend: its coach.

Head coach Mark Schultz has been in the hospital for the last three weeks due to a serious case of cellulitis, nearly losing his left arm.

"It's like always going home to Mom and Dad, and then one day, it's only your Mom," says wrestler Trent Rollins of not having the head coach around.

Assistant coach John Webb has taken over the reins and believes the team is prepared for the tough California teams.

Those teams include Fresno State, Cal Poly and Cal State Fullerton.

"Fresno State has been the class of the conference. They have been the conference champs for the last five or six years. They'll be tough," Webb said. "We have wrestlers who can win every time they're on the mat. I believe we'll be right with Fresno."

Rollins agrees.

"I think we have a good chance against Cal Poly and Cal State

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Women open Big West tonight

By Aaron Emerson
MUSTANG DAILY CONTRIBUTOR

With its pre-season over, Cal Poly's women's basketball team begins its quest for a national tournament bid at less than full strength.

In order to secure a bid to the Women's NCAA Tournament, the Mustangs will have to finish their Big West schedule no lower than fourth place — without the services of sophomore forward Caroline Rowles who averaged 13 points last season.

The 15-game schedule begins tonight at 7 p.m. The Idaho Lady Vandals converge at Mott Gym to face a struggling Cal Poly team that enters the game 4-8. Cal Poly lost to Idaho last season 85-64.

The Lady Vandals enter the game 7-6 and on a three-game winning streak. Idaho leads the all-time series 4-0. The team also boasts the reigning Big West Player of the Week and All-American candidate Alli Nieman. Nieman averaged 20 points and 10 rebounds a game last year. With four returning starters, Idaho will present a challenge to the young Mustangs.

Cal Poly faces another tough opponent, the Boise State Lady Broncos, Sunday afternoon. The Broncos also defeated Cal Poly last year and currently hold a 7-6 overall record. The Broncos are a well-rounded team with four starters averaging more than eight points a game. The two games will be Cal Poly's only home games until they face CSU Fullerton Feb. 4.

Cal Poly averages 66 points a game and is led by freshman forward Jill Hodges' 10.6. Four other players are averaging more than eight points per contest, yet the Mustangs have lost their games by an average of 10 points. The team will try to improve on an unsuccessful

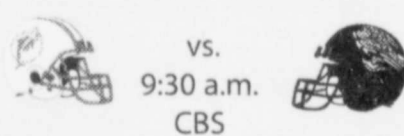
see BASKETBALL, page 7 Mustang guard Odessa Jenkins soars for a lay-up against Fresno State Tuesday.



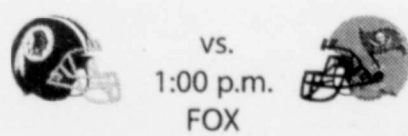
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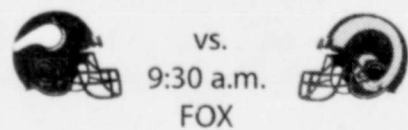


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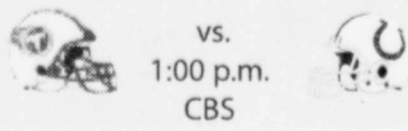


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Surprising matchups in second round

(AP) — Peyton Manning and Jevon Kearse, two of the NFL's bright young stars, have a date for a college reunion Sunday.

"I got to know Jevon pretty well in college when we played against him twice," says Manning, who will start his first playoff game for the Colts Sunday against Kearse and the Titans. "I got very familiar with Jevon in our backfield."

For the second week in a row, there's wall-to-wall football Saturday and Sunday — four games with the winners going to the conference title games.

The last, and perhaps best, features Tennessee (14-3), fresh off its miracle kickoff return that beat Buffalo, at Indianapolis (13-3).

One of the key elements will be the meeting of Manning, who was tied for runner-up in the MVP voting, and Kearse, the defensive rookie of the year. Last week against Buffalo, Kearse, who faced Manning when he was at Florida and Peyton was with the Tennessee Vols, was responsible for nine of the 15 points the Titans scored before the final-second, 75-yard touchdown return by Kevin Dyson on a lateral by Frank Wycheck that sent Tennessee on to Indianapolis.

But there are other angles.

One involves Jim Mora, the Colts coach who was the only coach in New Orleans Saints history to make the playoffs. But he is winless in four postseason games. Yes, he engi-

neered a similar turnaround with the Colts this year, an NFL record 10 game-improvement from 3-13 last year, but he still carries the stigma of playoff failure.

Another is the absence of line-backer Cornelius Bennett, the leader of a very average Indianapolis defense. That could leave a lot of room for Eddie George to romp and Steve McNair to scramble for Tennessee.

The third involves Manning, a hero in Tennessee for his play in college — fans wearing orange jerseys with his No. 16 still show up in Indianapolis for games. That leaves Titans fans with divided loyalties — after four years of wandering, the former Oilers finally seem to have a fol-

lowing in their home state.

But Dyson's return may have turned the tide.

"I used to hate bandwagon jumpers," Dyson says. "Now I love them."

Manning?

"Nobody on the Titans cares where I went to college," he says.

Minnesota (11-6) at St. Louis (13-3)

The Vikings would love to reverse what happened last year, when as the top seed in the NFC, they were knocked out by Atlanta at home in the conference title game. And they appear to have the best shot at beat-

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Sports Trivia

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Albert Belle is the all-time home run leader for the Cleveland Indians.
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Briefs

49er greats finalists to join Hall of Fame

CANTON, Ohio (AP) — Joe Montana and Ronnie Lott, teammates on four of the San Francisco 49ers' Super Bowl championship teams, lead the list of 15 finalists announced Thursday for induction into the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Montana, who played for the 49ers from 1979-92 before spending two seasons with the Kansas City Chiefs, never threw an interception in 122 Super Bowl passes while completing 68 percent of his attempts.

He holds Super Bowl records for career touchdown passes (11), passing yards in a game (357 in 1989 against Cincinnati) and a career (1,142).

Lott, an All-Pro at three different positions during a 14-year career with the 49ers, Los Angeles Raiders and New York Jets, starred as a defensive back on the 49ers teams that won Super Bowls in 1982, '85, '89 and '90.

Montana and Lott were the only nominees to make the list of finalists in their first year of eligibility.

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